WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRTED QUESTIONS

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas

†*21. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas in some States are not being opened despite heavy demands of the Public as Governments of these States are not making the land and buildings available for the purpose as a result of which these schools are being shifted to other States;

(b) if so, the reasons for such negative reaction and mentality of these State Governments;

(c) whether Government are solving this issue through administrative pressure and dialogue with such States; and

(d) if so, its present status and the alternative arrangements available with Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are opened subject to satisfaction of certain norms, and subject to the sponsoring authority making available temporary accommodation to run the school initially and further making available permanent land free of cost to enable Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) to construct the permanent school building. There are some instances of State Governments as sponsoring authorities not being able to provide either temporary accommodation or land for permanent building, because of which the sanctioned schools have been shifted to other States.

(c) KVS and the Ministry have repeatedly impressed on the State Governments concerned to make available required land and temporary building to open the Vidyalayas.

(d) Out of 50 new KVs sanctioned in August, 2006, 40 KVs are already functional. If any State is unable to provide necessary infrastructure despite follow-up, KVS has the option to shift the KV to a location where infrastructure is made available.

Enrolment in Higher Education

*22. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minsiter of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has targeted to increase the enrolment rate in higher education;

(b) if so, how much intake is likely to be increased and the current intake in all the universities; and

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